IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Stefano Benedetti Previdi, et al. Serial No.: 10/685,622 Filed on: October 14, 2003 For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR GENERATING ROUTING INFORMATION IN A DATA COMMUNICATION NETWORK	Confirmation No.: 5086 Examiner: Brenda H. PHAM Group Art Unit No.: 2616

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 29, 2008, the shortened statutory period for which runs until January 29, 2009, the applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in light of the following remarks.

I. ISSUES NOT RELATING TO ALLEGED PRIOR ART

a. CLAIMS -- 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 24, 25 and 27-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. (Office Action, page 2) The rejection is respectfully traversed.

An appropriate amendment to the paragraphs [0088] and [0089] was submitted to the USPTO on April 9, 2008 in a separate reply paper. Applicants believe that the rejection is fully overcome by amended paragraphs [0088]-[0089] submitted on April 9, 2008.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.